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## Designation of Annapolis Royal Historic District and commemoration of Annapolis County Court House

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N.S., AUGUST 14, 1994 The Honourable Michel Dupuy, Minister of Canadian Heritage, announced today that Annapolis Royal will be commemorated as a historic district of national significance. The Minister made this decision on the recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

Annapolis Royal Historic District in the downtown area contains high-quality buildings that represent centuries of Canadian architectural history and development.

Located in the heart of the Annapolis Royal Historic District, the Annapolis County Court House will be commemorated today by a plaque of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. During a commemorative ceremony at the Court House,Mr. Dupuy will unveil the plaque, which recognizes the national historic and architectural significance of the building.

The court house, constructed in 1837 and later enlarged, is one of the oldest in Canada. Still in use in its original form, it continues the legacy of the British-based judiciary which dates from 1721. Builder Francis LeCain designed it in association with a county grand jury, a common process in early 19th-century Nova Scotia.

The ceremony will be chaired by Professor Thomas H.B. Symons, Chairman of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. The Board advises the Minister of Canadian Heritage on the national historic importance of people, events and places as well as the architectural interest of heritage buildings.

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